

August 18, 1998

The Honorable Tom Campbell  
United States House of Representatives  
2442 Rayburn Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Campbell:

Thank you for your letter of June 29, 1998 expressing support for the inclusive approach that the CALFED agencies have adopted in developing a long-term solution for water and environmental issues focused on the Bay-Delta. We concur with your observations regarding the importance of a healthy ecosystem and a safe, clean and high-quality water source for California's continued economic health. We concur, too, with your observations that the South Bay is an integral part of the Bay-Delta system and that South Bay residents should share in the responsibility for the overall quality of the Bay region.

I can assure you that communities in Santa Clara County are not isolated in the water decision process because of their location in the system. Indeed, whenever we discuss the CALFED Bay-Delta Program in public settings, we strive to inform our audiences of the connections between Santa Clara County and the state's water supply infrastructure.

I can assure you, too, that ecosystem restoration funding is available for projects in the southern reaches of San Francisco Bay. You may be aware that we released a Proposal Solicitation Package in May 1998, inviting proposals for funding for ecosystem restoration projects. Although the Proposal Solicitation Package emphasizes projects and programs in the lower watershed areas, the Delta, and northern San Francisco Bay, the Package clearly indicated that consideration would be given to projects from south San Francisco Bay, provided the applicant could demonstrate the project's direct benefit to species and habitats determined by CALFED to be of highest priority for ecosystem restoration. This prioritization is needed to ensure that maximum ecosystem benefits are achieved for the funds available.

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**CALFED Agencies**

**California**

The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal**

Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

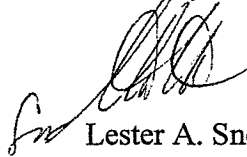
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Funding for water quality programs will become available after adoption of a program financing package, but our current thinking is that priorities for immediate funding will be for those actions that generate the largest benefit on the most significant issues in the Bay-Delta system. Funding for water quality programs will emphasize actions to improve the quality of water flowing into the Delta. These actions will have positive effects on all beneficial uses of Delta water, including drinking water supplies and water that flows through the Delta into San Francisco Bay. As with ecosystem restoration funding, we expect funding to be available for water quality projects in south San Francisco Bay, provided the applicant can demonstrate a direct connection between the project and achievement of CALFED Program objectives.

Thank you again for your expression of support for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. I hope this information is helpful. If you have further questions on this material, please call me at (916) 657-2666 or Daniel McCarroll, CALFED Legislative Coordinator, at (916) 653-5704.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lester A. Snow", is written over a horizontal line.

Lester A. Snow  
Executive Director